New Hanover County School

School Mental Health Committee Meeting Record

June 18, 2012

**PRESENT**: Lisa Burriss, Susan Cole, Hannah Manson, Jason Mizak, Mike Palanza, Donna Lynn Pleasants, Bill Trant, Darlene Webb

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**:

* Susan, Hannah and Lisa discussed the new in-school suspension initiative. The program will be an alternative to suspension and include a social skills curriculum and instruction component.
* Susan gave an update on the Access Academy day treatment at J. C. Roe school. There is no formal agreement, like past ventures. Access Academy is a licensed private school, so the relationship and processes are different. We are maintaining a strong dialog to help students access to services and there have been a few issues with eligibility and step down. As of this date, they are serving 16 students who primarily live in New Hanover County
* Lisa gave a brief report on the Systems of Care training she, Amy and others attended in DC. The focus ois on closing gaps and strengthening coordination and communication across various schools, providers and agencies when students are involved with the mental health system.
* Lisa updated the group that 700 students were served under McKinney-Vento eligibility (homelessness education assistance) this year. This is an increase in incidents for the year and is due in part increased awareness through school social workers and counselors.
* At the June School Board meeting an agreement was approved between NHCS and WHAT to provide school-based health services at Laney. This will include Mental Health Services. Hoggard’s access is through the nearby WHAT clinic on Oleander Drive.
* The Privatre Residential Treatment Agreement (PRTF) between NC DPI and NC DHHS has been cancelled, at last word.
* There was a brief discussion on the recently approved school Attendance Policy that was piloted at Hoggard this past year. It was suggested that this be a presentation topic for our next meeting.
* Darlene discussed the credentialing of Learning Perspectives in Parent-Child Interction Therapy and Trauma-focused Cognitive Behavior Therapy.

**NEXT STEPS**

* Bill reviewed the School Mental Health Wiki site located at <http://school-mental-health-committee.wikispaces.com/>
* Each Gap Committee leader present discussed planned changes to the Action Plan and will put actions into the new format (attached) and either post on the Wiki or send to Bill by June 30:
  + Prevention Gap #1- Lisa
  + Prevention Gap #2 – Susan and Mike
  + Treatment Gap #1 – Bill DONE
  + Treatment Gap #2 – Suzanne and Amy
* Darlene will complete the modification of the Learning Perspectives information to align with the Health Department information. She will either post on the Wiki or send to Bill.

**NEXT MEETING:**

**September 17, 2012**

**9:00 – 11:00**

**Spencer 102**

#### School Mental Health Committee Action Plan Implementation

**Improvement Goal:**

### Prepared by:

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